

167th Theatre Sustainment Command



Mission

The 167th Theater Sustainment Command (TSC) provides command and control of theater sustainment forces supporting multiple Joint Task Forces (JTFs) operating in multiple, noncontiguous joint operating areas in response to an event of national significance; on order, provides command and control across the United States Northern Command (NORTHCOM) area of responsibility for follow-on incidents; establishes and operates a theater distribution system; exercises direct command and control of operational and tactical sustainment operations as needed in support of Department of Defense forces conducting Defense Support to Civil Authorities.

The unit has an operational mission with NORTHCOM and U.S. Army North. The 167th TSC has formed an early entry command post team to deploy as needed in civil support and homeland defense missions. This team provides on-site logistical support in special events, transnational threats, disaster relief, civil disturbances and in chemical, biological, radiological, nuclear and high yield explosive incidents. The TSC executes its mission through the use of modular forces, to include Expeditionary Sustainment Commands (ESC), Sustainment Brigades (SB), Combat Sustainment Support Battalions (CSSB) and other modular sustainment formations. These formations serve as the building blocks of the force structure designed to execute TSC missions.

Force Structure

The 167th TSC is commanded by Maj. Gen. Joe L. Harkey with Brig. Gen. Allen Harrell serving as deputy commander. Because of the unique mission of the 167th – supporting the active duty military - the unit has a valuable resource in that 56 Regular Army (RA) personnel are assigned with the 50 full-time Active Guard and Reserve (AGR) personnel in the unit. During 2010, the 167th TSC had five subordinate units deploy for service in Iraq and Afghanistan; the 135th Expeditionary Sustainment Command (ESC), the 111th Explosive Ordnance Disposal (EOD) Group, the 441st Explosive Ordnance Disposal (EOD) Battalion, the 900th Maintenance Company and the 2101st Transportation Company. Currently located at Fort McClellan, Ala., the 167th TSC is working in phase one of its current facility. After the entire campus is completed, the new facility will have 96,195 square feet, including 32,000 square feet of administrative space, a 7,500 square foot assembly hall, 3,040 square feet of library/classroom space and 4,400 square feet of unit storage space. More than 23,000 square yards of parking space will also be available at the site. Four Alabama Army Guard units will be housed in the readiness center – the 167th TSC, 666th Ordnance Company, Company A 167th Infantry and the 1307th Explosive Hazards Coordination Cell.

The 167th TSC has more than 2,800 Soldiers assigned in subordinate units that include eight battalions commanded by lieutenant colonels. There are two groups, one medical detachment and one brigade that are commanded by colonels and an Expeditionary Sustainment Command that is commanded by a brigadier general.

Training and Operations

The 167th TSC actively pursues training events that prepares the unit to perform its assigned mission. Theater level training missions are critical for the 167th TSC to effectively plan, prepare and execute logistical operations within the assigned area of operations.

The training provided by NORTHCOM and United States Transportation Command (TRANSCOM) exercises allows the 167th TSC to provide command and control for the full spectrum of logistics in support of a joint task force or Joint Land Forces Component Commander. During FY 10, the 167th TSC participated in six major exercises and provided operational support for four contingency support operations missions. Vibrant Response is a series of exercises that allows the 167th TSC to rehearse its ability to provide logistical support to a Joint Task Force during a simulated manmade or natural disaster. Vibrant Response consists of a command post exercise conducted at Fort Leavenworth, Kan., followed by a field training exercise conducted at Camp Atterbury, Ind. This year, the TSC also participated in Turbo Transition, an exercise conducted at Fort Dix, N.J., by TRANSCOM. This exercise allowed the 167th TSC to rehearse the way it would open a theater of operation for mission support. During the fiscal year, the TSC also participated in two smaller scale exercises. In addition to exercise, the 167th TSC also provided logistical support for military forces during the 2010 Olympic Games (staged at Fort Lewis, Wash.), the 2010 National Scout Jamboree (Fort A.P. Hill, Va.) and the U.S. Army Ten Miler event (Washington, D.C.). During these operational support missions, the 167th TSC provided day to day logistical support, as well as serving as a pre-positioned consequence management team in the event of a disaster. The 167th TSC responded to the 2010 Deepwater Horizon disaster, providing 25 Claims Assistance Teams (150 Soldiers)

to help citizens recover from the economic devastation in the Alabama Gulf region that followed the oil leak.

Resources

Any military unit's success is directly related to having the right resources available in sufficient quantities to meet mission. Resources can come in several forms, funds, supplies, equipment and many other items. The 167th TSC has performs several actions and conducts various programs to enhance effective and efficient use of all resources available. 167th TSC personnel conduct periodic Command Supply Discipline Program inspections to check supply procedures. Command Maintenance Evaluation Teams (COMET) inspect and evaluate subordinate teams to ensure compliance with current surface maintenance policies and regulations. Physical security inspections ensure equipment storage areas are secure. Command Readiness Inspections are scheduled as necessary and encompass most operational areas in the unit. During FY10, the 167th TSC began an extensive 15-month New Equipment Training (NET) program for the latest Army Battle Command Systems (ABCS) fielding. This equipment will give the 167th TSC capability to track operations in single or multiple joint operations areas in real time. This equipment also provides a collaborative capability to better communicate with other supported units in the operating area.